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In re Application of:
L. BARANOVA et al.

Application No.: 09/076,956

Filed: May 13, 1998

For: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID
SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH
ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS
SOLID SUPPORTS IN THE SAID
PROCESS

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: L. Crane

New Atty. Docket
No.: 9710-007

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2000, be extended for a period of three months from June 7, 2000, to and including September 7, 2000.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$870.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date September 5, 2000

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